SENDAI CITY PLANNING 2023

Foreword

Sendai is an impressive city with diverse natural landscapes that stretch from the Ou Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. It features lush greenery that extends from deep in the mountains, the Hirose River and many other clear streams, farmlands providing abundant harvests, and beautiful seashores.

Historically, Sendai prospered as the castle town, or the capital of the wealthy Sendai han, ruled by the Date family. During this period, Sendai developed its own characteristic culture and tradition, and became known as the "City of Trees."

In the past, the City of Sendai worked on designing a comfortable and pleasant urban environment, such as the conservation of the natural environment, promotion of greening, and creation of a beautiful urban landscape, in order to promote urban development that is characteristic and suitable for the "City of Trees." In addition to this, the City strived to develop land allocation projects that started with reconstruction after the war, and improved urban infrastructure, such as roads, sewerage systems, and subways.

Urban planning is related to the very foundation of urban development, supporting the healthy development and orderly improvement of cities, and the healthy and cultural city lifestyles and diverse urban activities of people living in them.

Like other cities, City of Sendai must respond flexibly to the diverse urban challenges it faces, including an imminent declining population and progressively aging society, global environmental issues, as well as disaster risk reduction (DRR) against natural disasters.

Even in such difficult times and environment, the City will continue to actively work in cooperation with residents and businesses to create an urban space that enhances the centrality of the city in contributing to the development of the Tohoku region and that generates sustained vitality and exchange, while maintaining its urban character that dates back to the feudal period.

This pamphlet contains an outline of Sendai's urban development, mainly focusing on its urban planning. We hope it will help you learn more about our city.

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